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MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

"Power for Pilgrims" will be the theme of the Annual Midwinter P. F. Conference at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, from December 27 to 30. Registration will begin on Monday afternoon, December 27th, and the first Conference meal will be at 6 P.M. on that evening. The last meal will be breakfast on Thursday. The total cost of the Conference will be $7.00 and the $2.00 registration fee should be sent to Wim Meyer's office in Berkeley before December 17th.

Delegates of the Conference will be entertained in East Bay homes. Rev. Richard Norberg of Hayward will be the director and the main addresses on the theme, "Power for Pilgrims," will be delivered by Rev. Henry David Gray of Pasadena. There will be a balanced program of worship, discussion, addresses, and entertainment. The Communion Service will be held on Wednesday evening. There will be conducted tours of the Cal campus, International House, and Chinatown in San Francisco. It is expected that 300 delegates will be attending from all over Northern California. The First Congregational Church is at the corner of Dana at Durant Streets in Berkeley.

EBENEZER, LODI

Three impressive services of dedication were held at the Ebenezer Congregational Church (German) of Lodi on Sunday, November 21st. Just to make the program complete, the justly-proud pastor of the church was on hand all day, mixing with the crowds of people who jammed the lovely new building to capacity. This is a $110,000 building with a new $7,000 electric organ, and it is one of the finest structures in our Conference. Much credit is given to architect Howard C. Bissell, a Congregationalist from Stockton, who planned this handsome edifice, a picture of which appeared in the November "Pacific."

Two sermons were delivered at the morning and afternoon services, one in German and one in English. In the morning, Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached in English, and in the afternoon Rev. Amos R. Boone of Lodi preached. Moderator Robert W. Inglis of Oakland gave a brief address in the evening, with additional words from Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of the Conference staff. The 100 churches of Northern California congratulate the minister and members of the Ebenezer Church upon this splendid achievement, which is an example of the vitality of our denomination in this growing state. Five thousand, seven hundred dollars toward the new building was raised on Dedication Sunday.

CENTENNIAL LECTURE

An illustrated lecture on the "Congregational Centennial" with small 2x2 steriopticon slides will be available to the churches after January 1st at the Berkeley office of the Conference, 2345 Channing Way. The slides will be accompanied by a script which may be read during the showing. There will be pictures of churches, old and new, in Northern California, and also portraits of some of the founding fathers. Members of the Conference staff will be available during 1949 to deliver these lectures in any church without charge. Plan a date for the special Centennial feature early in the year, and write to the Conference office now.

Copies of the fine historical pageant, "A Call to Pioneers," written by Rev. William W. Meyer (and produced at the annual meeting in San Mateo), are available for local churches. We suggest that you make plans to put on this pageant in your church some time in 1949.

Mission Meetings

The three Congregational missionary meetings last month in Fresno, Berkeley, and San Francisco, though poorly attended, were valuable from an educational viewpoint. Splendid talks were given by Mr. John R. Reuling of Africa, Pres. B. P. Hivale of India, Rev. Alfred Heininger of China, Miss Ruth Morton of the A. M. A., Supt. Everett Babcock of Ohio, Dr. Howard Stone Anderson of Bridgeport, Conn., and Rev. Henry Rust of the Missions Council. Stimulation was given to those present at the meetings for the promotion of "Our Christian World Mission." Most of the team members preached in local churches of the Conference on Sunday, November 14th, and valuable first-hand information on missions at home and abroad was received at Stockton, San Mateo, San Jose, Alameda, Berkeley North, and Fresno.

CHRISTMAS HOPE

Never that Star shall set!
Its steadfast light and pure
Down any desert of our days
Shines on, serene and sure.

Never that song shall cease!
For all may hear who will
Across the deep of darkest night
Angels above the hill.

Never that Love shall fail!
That Love that travelled down
To make a song, a light, a peace
Within a hillside town.

Whatever dreams we lose
Whatever joys we miss
Christmas is ours forevermore
Now God be thanked for this!

—Haruni Mary Sakai.

(Written in an American Concentration Camp in December, 1944.)

San Lorenzo Dedication

The San Lorenzo church building was dedicated on Sunday, November 28, with Superintendent Harley H. Gill preaching the dedicatory sermon. It was a beautiful day and the great auditorium was well filled. The chapel choir of thirty voices furnished music. Rev. Byron Eshelman, moderator of the Bay Association, presided. Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Conference moderator, offered the prayer. Mr. David Taylor brought greetings from the Oakland Council of Churches, and Dr. Melvin M. Swartz represented the Pacific School of Religion. Rev. J. H. McCartney of San Leandro offered the invocation and Rev. Richard C. Norberg of Hayward read the Scripture lesson.

Rev. W. Wallace Furze, pastor emeritus of the church, was honored by fitting remarks, as was Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, who has labored so incessantly and effectively for the securing of the building. There is still much work to be done in bringing the social and educational rooms to completion. When completed, this will be one of the most unique, commodious, and usable plants in our Conference. Readers of The Pacific will remember the picture of the building that appeared in the September issue.

MODESTO VIGNETTE

Ten different people have given 49 man hours toward getting this project started—on the field—with a shovel, hammer, (every one has a different tool). One is down for 13 hours of plastering, another one hour developing pictures for publicity.

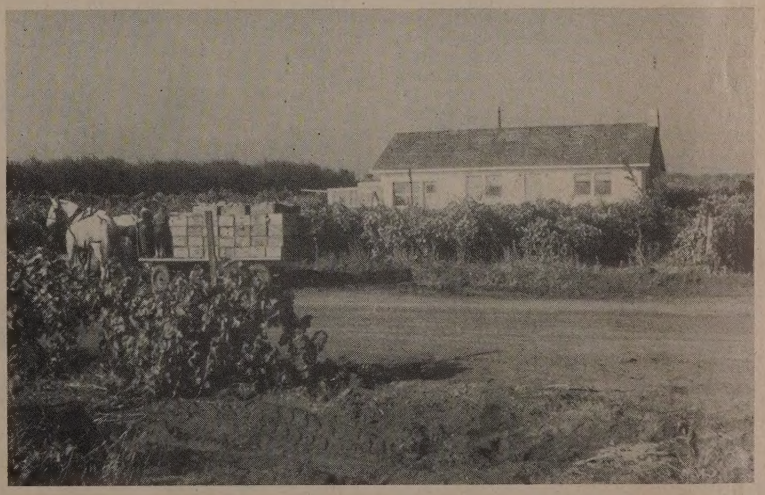
No seminary trains a man for a job like this: to remodel the parsonage in order to make it liveable. Carpenter, plumber, electrician, concrete man, gardener, plasterer—there is hardly a tool or skill that is not needed, and this is just on the observable side.

And where do we meet? What would we do if we did meet? What kind of a church would we build if we had the money to build? It will take a year to find common ground and experience of what is vital, and then another year — maybe six months, to translate that into ideas of concrete and stone—a model of a complete church—good now and **50 years hence.**

Yes, there's been calling—not random—on those known to be interested. They were long calls—2 and 3 hours long. Can one get to that which is vital on a sharing level in less time?

No pulpit! No. And how does one work with groups—effectively?—on the move? And where are the books to loan out? (S.O.S. to any church that wants to help. I'll send a list of books.)

Two persons with whom thoughts have been shared say the church must bring synthesis to life, must be a unifying experience. Several others —yes all—say, though unconsciously, "I have been looking all my life for something that is worthy of my sacrifice — something eternal (now don't give me the traditional answer —nor do they want it—they have heard it—that is why they are turning to this new church for hope, and here it will be found.) Others, again, all cry for fellowship—a place among men—to be a part of something bigger—a community. And how does a church provide this? It must be more vital than sermons and potluck suppers.



The parsonage at Modesto, corner of College and Orangeburg Avenues, during the grape harvest in October, home of Rev. and Mrs. Elmo D. Wolfe.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 19—Sunday before Christmas, C.W.V.R. Special Offering.
December 27-30—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, First Church, Berkeley.
January 20—Annual meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.
January 21—Annual meeting, Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.
January 21-22—Cavalcade of Christian Education, Oakland.
January 30-February 6—Youth Week.
February 20 — Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
February 22, 23, 24—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
February 27 — Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Fresno.
April 17—Easter.
May 15—Centennial observances in churches.
June 17-24—International Congregational Conference, Wellesley, Mass.
June 29-July 27—Sylvandale School for Pastors.

Does This Mean You?

Some of the ministers of our fellowship (we should say about ½) seem to have established a "no reply" policy with regard to general letters sent out by the Conference office. It is pretty well known by our Conference staff who these brethren are, and so we have our "wastbasket file" in mind when we send out some worthy appeal asking for the support of the local churches in a cooperative enterprise of one kind or another. The boys with writer's cramp are scattered among all kind of churches, big, little, and medium-sized.

Having been a local pastor for several years, we know that bales of mimeographed or printed appeals must be swept into the wastebasket from the minister's desk every week. But we suggest the following policy, namely: that second class mail be evaluated according to its direct relation to the job in hand, which is the successful management and upbuilding of the First Congregational Church, of Podunk Corners, Calif. We claim that most of the appeals sent out from 1164 Phelan Bldg. are for the good of the order, and that the local preacher who dumps them into the fire with all of the other second class stuff is thereby weakening his own church which should be a cooperative unit in a progressive state program. Let's not overdo this independence business. Think it over!

IT LOOKS LIKE A RED CHRISTMAS

We wish that we might celebrate Christmas "in the black" in our Conference financial records, but we are still in the red. We urge our churches to send in the amounts due on their apportionment giving before January 1, so that we may begin the Centennial year with a balanced budget.

	App't Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1947	App't Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1948	C.W.-V.R. 1948
Adin	$ 20.75	$ —	$ —
Alameda	1400.52	1244.57	316.13
Alturas	137.95	180.13	19.00
Angels Camp	190.00	100.00	130.40
Antioch	145.15	223.83	20.00
Auburn	223.95	228.75	78.75
Benicia	105.00	52.00	—
Berkeley, Arlington	85.68	169.22	73.53
" Chinese	3.22	—	—
" First	7704.72	8284.44	3711.47
" North	760.10	907.00	438.55
" Northbrae	454.73	—	—
" South Community	564.29	466.18	195.81
Campbell	275.00	644.06	80.00
Cedarville	101.25	49.75	—
Cloverdale	66.91	153.05	—
Cotati	77.50	83.75	25.00
Crockett	98.23	82.74	—
Dinuba	—	.66	—
Elk Grove	28.13	14.25	14.25
Etna	49.87	29.67	77.94
Eureka	723.16	573.49	476.72
Fairfax	26.65	163.10	*40.00
Ferndale	322.75	271.81	264.86
Fowler	—	75.00	—
Fresno, First	1015.00	1100.00	1008.95
" Japanese	25.00	25.00	85.00
" Pilgrim Armenian	770.13	500.00	—
" Zion	42.46	41.14	—
Glen Ellen	90.00	90.00	15.40
Guerneville	27.12	25.00	72.75
Hayward	150.00	100.00	320.00
Kenwood	64.31	51.88	10.00
Likely	15.00	—	—
Lodi, Ebenezer	41.80	—	114.00
" First	2925.98	2346.00	328.01
Loleta	—	7.00	—
Loomis	192.60	200.00	2.50
Martinez	604.07	933.26	390.07
Murphys	122.68	100.00	25.00
Niles	50.00	50.00	23.65
Oakland, First	5904.27	4840.00	1215.99
" Fruitvale	45.00	72.40	—
" Japanese	30.00	80.00	24.24
" New Pilgrim	91.74	76.00	76.00
" Plymouth	1319.95	1331.03	940.40
Orinda	748.46	685.25	341.18
Oroville	549.86	790.87	223.83
Pacific Grove	239.10	225.00	—
Palo Alto	1630.29	1474.00	1075.25
Paradise	540.25	550.00	185.37
Parlier	10.00	20.00	—
Penngrove	82.78	47.73	—
Pescadero	45.00	10.00	—
Petaluma	600.00	660.00	185.00
Pittsburg	237.32	248.02	55.15
Port Chicago	25.00	142.04	32.62
Porterville	1565.80	1400.00	410.00
Redwood City	1070.81	1006.54	227.73
Reedley	15.00	15.00	—
Rio Vista	235.00	100.00	—
Ripon	173.69	339.81	20.82
Sacramento, First	1432.50	1490.00	1800.00
" Sierra Arden	113.00	191.48	1.00
Salida	92.81	170.95	—
San Carlos	529.50	725.00	257.50
San Francisco:			
Bethany Mission Park	313.67	175.75	52.00
" Calvary Armenian	30.00	30.00	—
" Chinese	1.00	—	—
" First	464.39	279.65	31.37
" Ocean View	160.00	100.00	49.00
" Park Presidio	274.88	342.42	—
Sanger	11.04	—	303.70
San Jose	1050.00	1187.00	591.02
San Leandro	138.08	110.13	95.00
San Mateo	330.00	1250.00	2170.62
San Rafael	66.00	35.00	—
Santa Cruz	947.50	264.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	213.95	78.00	46.75
Saratoga	205.55	378.91	129.53
Sebastopol	337.69	467.86	168.47
Sonoma	169.46	221.23	15.46
Soquel	216.57	158.10	1.00
Stockton	994.07	1046.12	420.33
Suisun	68.48	87.50	80.00
Sunnyvale	59.20	95.34	10.00
Tulare	848.83	1794.00	—
Weaverville	162.00	77.34	100.00
Woodside	11.50	11.50	51.69
Reno, Nevada	790.70	801.68	45.00
Miscellaneous	3438.49	2078.53	492.07
Totals	$48,331.84	$47,327.91	$20,432.83

Congratulations!

Orval Keene Clay is the name of the baby boy who arrived on November 13th at McPheeters Hospital in Modesto. This child is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Orval S. Clay of Salida. We send our congratulations and good wishes.

Harold Avery leading a discussion at Cazadero.

Significant Quotes

Dr. Walter M. Horton of Oberlin Seminary writes in one of his recent books, "Any culture disintegrates when its inner core of religious conviction gets too much out of harmony with its outer shell of material culture. Advanced cultures lose their heart when religion becomes a mere department of life, instead of being the source from which all other activities continually derive their inspiration, and to which they must continually return for judgment and redirection." Here is one of our missions to the growing communities of California: to keep alive the Christian motivating power that sustains democracy.

Dr. Hugh Vernon White writes in the book, "The Gospel, the Church, and Society": "Congregationalism stands, as it were, on the fringe of the Christian community, making sympathetic and vital contact with the non-Christian world, both secular and religious. Outside the church there are many who are not Christian, and yet are motivated by high moral purposes and spiritual aspiration. They need both to have Christ interpreted to them persuasively and to be won to Him in personal commitment."

Dr. Andrew L. Stone, pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco in the seventies, said in a sermon, "Christian men and women in New England cannot feel, as we, the burden of the feeble churches lodged among our hills. The eastern churches and societies, willing to help, carry us at arms-length, lifting at disadvantage with a heavy strain upon their strength and endurance. The home missionary problem of California cannot be solved at Boston and New York. The main conditions of that solution are to be wrought out here. The native supply, the home manufacture, will be in every sense the best."

Dr. Alonzo H. Quint, moderator of the National Council of Congregational Churches in 1871, has bequeathed this statement of faith, which may well become a slogan for our program of church extension: "What Congregationalism signifies to us is the absolute supremacy of the Lord Jesus Christ; the equality of all Christians in their relation to Him; the responsibility and discipline of brotherhood in government. The Pilgrim principle of a spiritual kingdom, free and unshackled, carried forward by spiritual forces dependant upon Divine power vouchsafed to a willing church, is the hope and prophecy of victory."

Layman in Spotlight

Harold T. Avery, Chairman of the Northern California Laymen's Commission, has given consecrated service to our Conference for several years. He was born in Minnesota, and spent his boyhood in Redlands, California. Graduating from Stanford in 1915 in engineering, he did surveying for the Southern Pacific Railroad and the State Highway Commission. He has been with the Marchant Calculating Machine Company since 1929, and is one of the top executives in that firm at present. His hobby at present is working on helicopters!

Harold Avery has held many offices in the Plymouth Church of Oakland. Now he is the chairman of the Church Council, a position which he has held for six years. We are envious of Dr. Robert Inglis for having a layman like Harold Avery in his church. We are all proud to have him leading us in our Congregational fellowship on the Laymen's Commission.

WALTER GRAHAM

Walter A. Graham, secretary of the national Congregational Laymen's Fellowship, spoke at a special dinner at First Church, San Francisco, on November 29th. Mr. Graham gave a moving account of his recent European tour followed by a question period. Harold Avery presided at this meeting, and 62 men from 13 churches were in attendance.

Strategy Committee

Dr. Everett Babcock, Superintendent of Congregational Conference of Ohio, was special guest of the Strategy Committee at their meeting on November 16 in Berkeley. Mr. Babcock reported on the program of the State Conference in Ohio and made helpful suggestions concerning the coordination of Conference committees in that state. The Northern California Strategy Committee, headed by Mrs. James H. Price, was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Conference to work out a program of coordination in our Conference program. The members of the committee are: Mrs. Scott Haymond, Rev. Ralph Conard, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Rev. William W. Meyer, and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST. Dr. John R. Scotford, Editor of the ADVANCE, spoke recently at a meeting of the young married couples of the church. Dr. Augustine Jones gave an address on A. M. A. Colleges before the Women's Club. Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Heininger of China spoke to the Sunday School, young people, and Sunday morning services on November 14th. Rev. Shirley Greene of the Council for Social Action spent four days in Fresno recently and spoke at a Sunday morning service.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A church dinner was held on November 5th to celebrate the purchase of a new electric organ, and to announce plans for the forward movement of the church. Brochures describing the new building were passed out by Rev. Joseph Bennett, pastor of the church, and greetings were brought to the members by Supt. Harley H. Gill, Moderator Robert W. Inglis, and Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr.

PORTERVILLE. "Voluntary Pledge Day," Thanksgiving Sunday, resulted in the underwriting of half of the 1949 budget, and it is expected that the other half will be covered before Christmas. The budget includes an amount for missions double that raised for this year. Fourteen new members have recently been received. The Children's Choir, trained by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith, will take the place of the regular choir on December 12.

SAN FRANCISCO, FOREST HILL. The members of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in San Francisco have sold their building at 2041 Larkin Street. They plan to invest the money from this sale in a joint project with the Congregational Sunday School at 355 Pacheco Drive. Property is being investigated for a new church near the Forest Hill elevator shaft, above the Twin Peaks tunnel.

SONOMA. The resignation of Rev. Joseph O. Todd was read in the pulpit on Sunday, October 31st. Mr. Todd's services as pastor at Sonoma will end on or before February 1, 1949.

ABOUT CECIL LAWRENCE

The host of friends of Cecil (Pappy) Lawrence will wish to know that he has been moved from the hospital after the heart attack which he suffered early in November and is now at the home of his sister in Marin City (Post Office Box 431). His condition is still serious, with an oxygen tent at hand. "Pappy" has done an outstanding job as manager of our Conference camp grounds at Cazadero, and he has endeared himself to hundreds of campers of all ages. We all join in hoping for his speedy recovery, and we wait eagerly for the day when he will be up on the mountain again.

It has been a time of financial stress for the Lawrence family, especially since Mrs. Lawrence is just over a three-week siege in the hospital, herself, with major surgery. Any of the Lawrences' friends who would like to join at this season in a "love gift" should send their contributions in care of Wim Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

HAYWARD, EDEN. A new Women's Association is being organized to coordinate the work of various groups in the church. All women who are members of the church will belong to the Association whether or not they participate in individual circles. Rev. Richard Norberg reports that a count of those attending the Sunday services shows a consistent increase through the month of November.

SAN MATEO. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell announces that Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Irwin have begun their work as assistant minister and parish visitor respectively. Mr. Irwin is a minister of the United Church of Canada and will be completing his Master's Degree at Pacific School of Religion this year.

ALTURAS. Laymen's Sunday was observed on October 24th with several men of the church taking part in the service. The Annual Harvest Home Festival Service was held on November 21. Rev. William Moll Case, the pastor, attended the National Convocation of the Church in Town and Country, in San Jose, in November.

PETALUMA. On Sunday, November 28, a special bicentennial service observing the death of Isaac Watts was held. Rev. Herbert Gans preached on "The Man Who Gave Us Our Hymns," and seven hymns by Isaac Watts were sung during the service.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. Nels F. Sanderson has been acting as interim pastor of this church following the resignation of Rev. W. C. Besselievre. Rev. Gifford M. Webster of Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted a call to the church and will begin his pastorate on January 9.

FAIRFAX, COMMUNITY. Mr. Frank K. McDowell announces that this church will attempt to become self-supporting in 1949. It has received missionary aid from the Conference for the past 25 years. The church voted to accept their share of the "Christian World Mission" quota for 1949.

Centennial Movie

A colored motion picture film, entitled "California's Golden Beginning," on 16mm film with sound, will be available for churches of this Conference, free except for postage, between January 15 and March 15, 1949. This film will give important background material for the celebration of our Congregational Centennial. If you wish to use this film between the above dates, please write immediately to Rev. William W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

C.W.V.R. Quota

The churches of the Conference are urgently requested to take a special offering to complete the C.W.V.R. program of our denomination on Christmas Sunday. The balance needed to complete our quota for 1949 in Northern California is $21,859.17. Special envelopes are available for this offering at the Conference office. Please send your order immediately.

REDWOOD CITY. A recognition service for the new pastor, Rev. Gale W. Engle, was held on the evening of November 16th. Mr. Engle is a Presbyterian minister. Greetings from the Conference were extended by Moderator Dr. Robert Inglis, the charge to the congregation was delivered by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and the address of the evening was given by Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. A new Ford sedan was given to Rev. Norio Ozaki by the members of this church in order to facilitate his parish work. A group of young people who have returned from Japan have formed a new organization called "The Sycamore Fellowship." The new Sunday School Superintendent is Beatrice Mizote.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The members of this church are looking forward to the dedication of the Fellowship Center on Sunday, January 9, 1949. Home-Coming Loyalty Sunday was observed on December 5th with former pastors Dr. Pierson Parker and Dr. Ralph B. Larkin taking part in the service. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is the pastor.

ORINDA. About 120 families and individuals took part in a surprise party for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Morrow on November 5th, which was their 25th wedding anniversary. A gift of a silver service was given to the pastor and his wife by members of the church. The new Sunday School building is being completed rapidly.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A Centennial carnival was held by the women of the church on December 3. Among features of this carnival was a historical exhibit with pictures of early days in California. A smorgasbord dinner was served and the evening's entertainment included a one-act play by the "Players' Group." From 5 to 6, a vesper hour of music was held in the church with Mr. Black at the organ console.

CHURCH NIGHT PROGRAM

We know that churches in this Conference are continually on the lookout for speakers at midweek dinners and fellowship gatherings. May we remind you that there is talent available on a variety of subjects among our membership. Travel expenses and a "dinner on the house" are the only requirements for the following entertainers:

"A Survey of Europe"—Rev. Robert W. Moon, 4319 Geary Blvd., San Francisco.

"A. M. A. Colleges"—Rev. Augustine Jones, 122 Martin Avenue, Palo Alto.

"Impressions of Mexico" — Rev. Harley H. Gill, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

"The European Scene" — (motion pictures), Miss Mary Coxhead, 557 Lake Park Avenue, Oakland.

"Congregational Cazadero"—(Kodachrome Slides), Rev. W. W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

"Pack Trips in the Sierras"—(Kodachrome Slides), Rev. S. H. Buckham, 101 Tamalpais Rd., Berkeley.

"Experiences in Alcatraz"—Chaplain Byron Eshelman, Federal Penitentiary, Alcatraz, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., began broadcasting the Sunday evening services of this church on November 14th over FM Station KSFH at 94.9 megacycles, Channel 235. Mr. Gilkey also has a weekly radio broadcast over the same station on Saturday evenings between 7 and 7:30. In this Saturday program he will attempt to answer common questions about religion and the church.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK. At a special Sunday service on November 21st, the church covenant was adopted by the members, and a scroll was signed by all present. The sermon was preached by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Splendid progress is being made on this project under the leadership of Rev. Theodore Dunlap.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. For the past 16 years, missionary money has been donated to this church by the State Conference for the maintenance of the building. The people of the community are being asked to subscribe a total of $4,750, the church providing $3,510 for 1949. The relationship between these figures is 57% from the community and 43% from the church. Rev. Herbert Dimock is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The church was remembered in the will of Miss Carrie Dick who died recently. She left the church a sum of $500 which will be used for a suitable memorial for her. A total of $864.60 was raised in the Thanksgiving Offering on November 21st.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. On November 19th a program of motion pictures was put on by this church in Pilgrim Hall at Dana and Durant Streets in Berkeley. The films included "Letter from China," "Beyond Our Own," and "Simon Peter." Dr. Yam-tong Hoh is the minister.

Cazadero Statement of Faith

This religious statement of faith was used twice at Cazadero, both times at Vesper services. It is one of the many inspiring pieces which have come out of State Camp.

We believe in God.

We believe that God, the creator and sustainer of life, is closer than hands or feet and nearer than breathing.

We believe that each person has a place in God's eternal plan.

We believe that we are stewards of God's creation.

We believe that all men are brothers.

We believe in the freedom of conscience for all sincere seekers of truth.

We believe in peace by means of truth and sacrificial love.

We believe that Love never faileth.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. Ralph D. Hyslop, Correspondent

At the November 18 meeting of the Federation at First Congregational Church, Oakland, there was great variety of program. We had reports from our secretaries, some of whom are retiring, slides of Cazadero, movies, and an address on India.

THANK OFFERING. Mrs. James Cooper told what the last three years have meant to her. The three things she especially mentioned were the friends she has made, the "lively sense of obligation and gratitude" which comes to you when you look for God's goodness every day, and the broadening of horizons in learning what is done with the money. She feels it important that the Federation has never stressed the amount of money, but considered it a means to an end. When we have a feeling of appreciation we naturally want to share, and this creates a spiritual growth within us.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL. Mrs. R. A. Fuller reviewed the scope of her work, and reminded us that it is the youth who often take the lead in interdenominational and joint projects, and that more and more on the foreign field is being done cooperatively; also there is audio-visual materials available, such as "Letter from China."

CHRISTIAN HOME. Mrs. F. O. Hassler said that she would be most happy to come to our churches to speak on family life, for just the cost of her travel. She suggested as possible subjects: "How to have grown-up children like you," "Children's Books," "Church School Work," etc. She asked us particularly to be conscious of our responsibility to the Church School, and suggested the following points to check: (1) Do the parents know what the Church School is teaching? (2) If you are asked to teach, do it, as we learn only by doing. (3) See that your church has a board of religious education. (4) Do you know what kind of rooms your Church School has? Otherwise beautiful churches often have most unattractive rooms, which may be helped by just a coat of paint or a few pictures.

HOME FIELD. Mrs. Harley H. Gill gave a most interesting report of their trip to Mexico. Our work there is in the western part of the Republic and was started by one of our Pacific School of Religion men, who was martyred and whose memory is still celebrated after 75 years. Mrs. Gill visited our girls' school in Guadalajara, whose inspiring leader is Miss Margarita Wright. There are also two social centers there. And in the Congregational Church the new pastor, the Rev. Mr. Castillo was installed and will be the first pastor to be entirely supported by the church without help from the American Board.

She spoke especially of the young couple, whose guests they were, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hayes. He is the treasurer for all of the tiny missionary churches of the area, and they both work hard as laymen and leaders in the church and young people's activities.

FOREIGN FIELD. Mrs. Chester Marliave expressed some hopeful signs in mission work: (1) Ministers and laymen present a more positive approach, (2) articles on missionaries in magazines and papers, (3) secular clubs use missionary speakers and mission book reviews. She also mentioned a particularly interesting mission exhibit. Each group in the church was given a country to study and to plan an exhibit for, with the use of maps, people in costume, posters, products of the country, and diagrams to show where the money goes. In connection with this, the Division of Chaplains, Treasure Island, will send a very interesting exhibit, along with two men to explain it.

ACROSS THE NATION. Mrs. J. H. Price gave an interesting report of her family trip, visiting most of the Congregational points of interest across the country, starting with Oberlin, then "seeing Boston" with Dr. Goodsell, in the Muilenburg apartment in New York, etc. They went through the South, where poverty and segregation took on new meaning, and had a particularly interesting time at Pleasant Hill and the hospital at Grants, New Mexico. She concluded by bringing special attention to "The Call," where we can really learn what our churches should be doing. It is up to each of us individually to be an "evangel."

Mrs. H. S. Clewett concluded the morning meeting with a fine devotional, "I will give Thanks."

FOREIGN FRUIT PROJECT. At the afternoon meeting, Rev. William W. Meyer showed colored slides of the Pilgrim Fellowship summer project. The young people dried four tons of apricots and peaches to be sent overseas by Church World Service. In each box will go a letter from our Pilgrim Fellowship. Mr. Meyer also showed some very beautiful colored slides of Cazadero, which would be most helpful and inviting to young people or adults who are thinking of going up there. The pictures are available in Mr. Meyer's office.

EUROPEAN TOUR. Miss Mary Coxhead showed moving pictures of her trip to Europe this past summer, visiting eleven countries under the auspices of the CWVR. She gave us pictures not only of the continuing great needs of young and old, but also showed children wearing clothing made by Congregational women in America, our medical and recreation centers, and equipment and food sent by Church World Service. She will be most happy to visit your church with these colored movies, and can be contacted at 557 Lake Park Avenue, Oakland.

INDIA. Mrs. James H. Lawson of Concord described the difficulties of Christian work in India, where she was for 30 years a missionary. She began by saying that they are learning there the difference between freedom and independence. To be free you must learn to discipline yourself, a lesson of democracy. She went on to tell of the Hindu faith. The Christian missionary does not see its beautiful, philosophical side, but the idolatry, demon worship, caste, and fear, which have such a grip on the masses. They cannot understand a God of love. This was shown especially in the case of a mother losing her child, having no hope of immortality and was therefore completely hopeless.

Mrs. Lawson was in the Lucy Perry Noble Institute, Madura, where girls from poor families can get some education and learn a craft. All our missions in India are trying to meet the needs of people who are ignorant, diseased, and hungry. And they train leaders for teachers, Bible Schools, medical schools, and theological seminaries. It is the development of these leaders that makes the work worthwhile.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MRS. E. B. KIENTZ: "Unseen Guest" meals should be held before January 10, when the money is due in.

There will be another Spring Session at Cazadero, so begin planning to send your representatives.

There was a fine response to Miss Seabury's request for boxes of mixes, more than were asked for. Miss Malcolm has ordered her jeep station wagon. She plans to call it "Pal" and hopes to sail for Africa in December.

Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held at the First Church, San Francisco, January 20, 1949.

Conference Committee

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Laymen's Commission: Present membership to carry on until laymen complete their plans of setting up their own organization.

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Young Adult and Family Life: Mrs. Ralph V. Conard, Mrs. F. O. Hassler, Mr. Kenneth Loomis, Mr. James Barker, Mr. Brad Sonderman.

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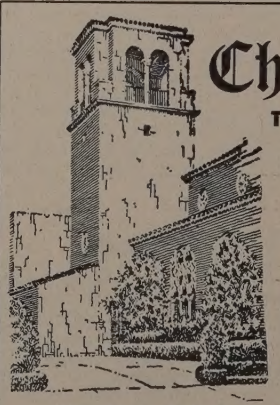
Junior High Work: Rev. J. H. Bennett, Mr. Clark Daniel, Mr. Neil Rathbone, Rev. William F. Keeney, Mr. C. Theodore Gustafson, Miss Mary Blossom Chang.

Cazadero Commission: Mr. Scott Haymond, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, Mr. Stuart Gould, Mr. Frederick A. Meyer, Mr. Roger Smith, Mrs. Grace Bielar, Rev. Hendrik Martynse, Mr. L. Tenney Gray, Mr. Ludford Elvy.

MIMEOGRAPH FOR MODESTO

Things are developing so rapidly at the new church in Modesto that there is an immediate need for a mimeograph machine. Elmo Wolfe has plans for circularizing the whole area of North Modesto, in order to publicize the College Avenue Congregational Church. If any individual or church has a used mimeograph please contact the Conference office at once.



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